



THE STORY

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This is the sheriff's business, not yours. "A good plan for working," he replied. "You seem to forget that even members of a sheriff's posse are expendable. It's a hell of a custom in this country for men to protect their property from thieves."

"I forbid you to make another shot," he said. "If you do, I'll have you arrested. I can stand the loss now. If anything should happen to you, I'd never forgive myself."

He glared at her. "I'm ashamed of you. I thought you'd outgrow age. You haven't—now not seem I must tell you something. Those sheep are not yours. They're mine. I must have them back. I'll have them back. I'll have them back."

"I imagine the Chinaman's telling the truth," Diego said. "We've had our drive for nothing. Ken, well, we'll go back to work. We'll go back to work. We'll go back to work."

She nodded and they whistled across the dusty plain. Here four horses were saddled and led up a ramp into a large motor truck, and preceded by the motor car, they headed down the road toward Los Algodones.

"They left the road presently and broke trail across the sage to the foothills, where the ramp was for the motor truck and the horses backed out. "Ken, you and Julio ride in a northeastern direction," Don Jaime ordered. "Miss Antin and I will ride in the general direction of that butte yonder to the southeast. Anello, you will remain here with the truck and motor car. We will meet here not later than four o'clock this afternoon, Ken."

Roberta nodded the hunter. Don Jaime had given her, and they rode steadily into the foothills, the girls climbing the butte; when they reached its crest a wide valley lay outspread before and below them. Don Jaime pointed to the horizon. "With his binoculars we swept the country for miles in every direction, but there was no sign of the vast flock."

"They were in that valley yesterday and two miles south of it the day before. There's food for a week yonder. I don't understand it. He searched with the glass again, then he handed it to her. "Do you see a slight film of white dust in the sky—right beyond those low star-capped hills yonder?" He pointed. Roberta adjusted the glasses and looked. The cloud in question was very faint but it was a cloud.

"Sheepmoving—south," Don Jaime informed her laconically. "Roberta, I have a hunch your Mr. Dingle is under that that cloud heading for Mexico with the said sheep."

"You mean—he's stealing them?" "I do. We can't afford to lose our sheep, can we?" "It would mean a severe loss, Roberta answered. "Is there no way to stop them?"

"Of course there is. It's ten miles from the border and we can't possibly get there with thirty thousand sheep under two days; when we get to the river he'll find sixty of my men between him and the farther shore. However, it will entail some loss en route and far heavier losses getting the sheep back on the range again, Bobbie. I've got to stop that procession at the first water-hole, scatter Dingle and his men and put my own boys in charge. Meanwhile, we'll ride down to the said cloud and make a reconnaissance."

They did, keeping to the backbone of the western fringe of foothills. An hour of hard riding brought them to the crest of the slate-colored hills. A dirty gray bird indicated the flock. At its rear and on the flanks, little black dots, that were the herders, and sheep dogs, urging the weary animals onward. Don Jaime counted the largest dots: "Twenty herders," Roberta heard him remark, half to himself. "Hm—m! It doesn't look as if it would be quite safe to give Bill Dingle his walking papers to give. He is not in a mood to accept them. He is in a mood to accept them. He is in a mood to accept them."

"What are you going to do, Jiminy?" she asked anxiously, spurring up alongside of him. "We're going back to the motor car, Bobbie. I'm going to send Anello back to Valle Verde for reinforcements."

"Will there be a fight?" "I think so, Bobbie. Dingle has twenty herders. Six, with the dogs, should be ample to maneuver those sheep. So it looks as if he had prepared for trouble, and when we prepare for trouble it's a pretty good sign they will not avoid it."

"I don't want a fight," the girl cried passionately. "You ask some of your men may get hurt—killed. Oh, Jiminy, please listen to me. This is not your fight. It's mine and I'd rather lose every head of those awful sheep than have anybody killed defending them. Send to Los Algodones for the sheriff and a posse to head Dingle off."

Church News
First Baptist Church
Wills at Bates St.
Rev. L. H. Jackson, M. A., Minister
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Christian Science Church
Church at 1022 1/2 A. M.
Sunday School, 10:30 A. M.
Reading room, 11:15 A. M.
The church building is open from 10:30 A. M. until 4:30 P. M. on Wednesdays and Saturdays. The church is also open on Wednesdays before and after the service.

First Methodist Episcopal Church
Main Avenue at 10:30 A. M.
Rev. Dr. B. D. Haskins, pastor
The church is open for the public, and the service department, Methodist Church, 10:30 A. M. to 1:30 P. M. on Wednesdays and Saturdays. The church is also open on Wednesdays before and after the service.

St. James Episcopal Church
Rev. James L. Forsyth, Rector
St. James Episcopal Church, 10:30 A. M. to 1:30 P. M. on Wednesdays and Saturdays. The church is also open on Wednesdays before and after the service.

Holy Name Catholic Church
Rev. James W. Foster, Pastor
Holy Name Catholic Church, 10:30 A. M. to 1:30 P. M. on Wednesdays and Saturdays. The church is also open on Wednesdays before and after the service.

United Presbyterian Church
Rev. L. H. Jackson, M. A., Minister
United Presbyterian Church, 10:30 A. M. to 1:30 P. M. on Wednesdays and Saturdays. The church is also open on Wednesdays before and after the service.

Emory Methodist Church
Rev. W. S. Heston, Pastor
Emory Methodist Church, 10:30 A. M. to 1:30 P. M. on Wednesdays and Saturdays. The church is also open on Wednesdays before and after the service.

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